



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 904***

LCO No. 3136

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING WRITS OF ERROR BROUGHT TO THE  
SUPREME COURT.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 51-199 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) The Supreme Court shall have final and conclusive jurisdiction  
4 of all matters brought before it according to law, and may carry into  
5 execution all its judgments and decrees and institute rules of practice  
6 and procedure as to matters before it.

7 (b) The following matters shall be taken directly to the Supreme  
8 Court: (1) Any matter brought pursuant to the original jurisdiction of  
9 the Supreme Court under section 2 of article sixteen of the  
10 amendments to the Constitution; (2) an appeal in any matter where the  
11 Superior Court declares invalid a state statute or a provision of the  
12 state Constitution; (3) an appeal in any criminal action involving a  
13 conviction for a capital felony, class A felony, or other felony,  
14 including any persistent offender status, for which the maximum  
15 sentence which may be imposed exceeds twenty years; (4) review of a

16 sentence of death pursuant to section 53a-46b; (5) any election or  
 17 primary dispute brought to the Supreme Court pursuant to section 9-  
 18 323 or [section] 9-325; (6) an appeal of any reprimand or censure of a  
 19 probate judge [.] pursuant to section 45a-65; (7) any matter regarding  
 20 judicial removal or suspension pursuant to section 51-51j; (8) an appeal  
 21 of any decision of the Judicial Review Council pursuant to section 51-  
 22 51r; (9) any matter brought to the Supreme Court pursuant to section  
 23 52-265a; (10) writs of error; [., pursuant to section 52-272;] and (11) any  
 24 other matter as provided by law.

25 (c) The Supreme Court may transfer to itself a cause in the Appellate  
 26 Court. Except for any matter brought pursuant to its original  
 27 jurisdiction under section 2 of article sixteen of the amendments to the  
 28 Constitution, the Supreme Court may transfer a cause or class of  
 29 causes from itself, including any cause or class of causes pending on  
 30 July 1, 1983, to the Appellate Court. The court to which a cause is  
 31 transferred has jurisdiction.

32 (d) The Supreme Court may issue all writs necessary or appropriate  
 33 in aid of its jurisdiction and agreeable to the usages and principles of  
 34 law.

35 Sec. 2. Section 51-274 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
 36 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

37 All special acts or provisions thereof inconsistent with this chapter  
 38 and with sections 1-1a, 2-5, 2-40, 2-61, 3-84, 5-164, 5-189, 7-80, 8-12, 9-  
 39 63, 9-258, 9-368, 12-154, 14-141, 14-142, 18-65, 18-73, 19a-220, 21a-96, 29-  
 40 13, 29-362, 30-105, 30-107, 30-111, 35-22, 46b-120, 46b-133, 46b-160, 47a-  
 41 23, 47a-28, 47a-35, 47a-37, 49-61, 49-62, 51-6a, 51-9, 51-15, 51-27, 51-30,  
 42 51-33, 51-34, 51-36, 51-48, 51-49, 51-50, 51-51, 51-52, 51-59, 51-72, 51-73,  
 43 51-78, 51-95, 51-183b, 51-183d, 51-183f, 51-183g, 51-215a, 51-229, 51-232,  
 44 51-237, 51-241, 51-243(a), 51-247, 51-347, 52-45a, 52-45b, 52-46, 52-97,  
 45 52-112, 52-139, 52-193, 52-194, 52-196, 52-209, 52-212, 52-215, 52-226, 52-  
 46 240, 52-257, 52-258, 52-261, 52-263, 52-268, 52-270, [52-272,] 52-278i, 52-  
 47 293, 52-297, 52-298, 52-324, 52-351, 52-397, 52-425, 52-427, 52-428, 52-

48 521, 53-308, 53-328, 54-2a, 54-56f, 54-66, 54-72, 54-74, 54-82g, 54-82j, 54-  
49 82k, 54-95a, 54-96a, 54-96b, 54-97, 54-108, 54-154, 54-166 and 54-169 to  
50 54-174, inclusive, are repealed.

51 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) Sections 52-272, 52-273, 52-275, 52-276,  
52 52-277 and 52-278 of the general statutes are repealed.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>

***Statement of Purpose:***

To implement the recommendations of the Connecticut Law Revision Commission concerning writs of error.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*